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October 17, 2012

#### **UNITED STATES**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

#### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 17, 2012

## STRYKER CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

0-9165 Michigan 38-1239739 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

49002 2825 Airview Boulevard, Kalamazoo, Michigan (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 269.385.2600

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## ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

Stryker Corporation issued a press release on October 17, 2012 announcing its third quarter 2012 operating results. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated October 17, 2012

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

STRYKER CORPORATION

(Registrant)

October 17, 2012 /s/ DEAN H. BERGY

Date Dean H. Bergy

Interim Chief Financial Officer and Vice

President, Corporate Secretary